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The Family Circle.

"O, the sweet atmosphere of home! how bright
The sunbeams shine when we are all together!
Under a bow of love in summer months,
Or under the hush of snow in winter's night!"

Forget and Forgive.

BY MARTIN F. TUPPER.

When streams of anguish, as bitter as gall,
Bubble up from the heart to the tongue,
And Meekness is written in torment and thrill,<
By the hands of forgiving hands.

In the heat of indignation, sweet and soft,
While the anguish is fastening yet,
None, none but an angel of God can declare
I now can forgive and forget!

But if the bad spirit is chased from the heart,
And the lips are in penance steeped,
With the wrong as repeated the truth will depart,
Though scars on injustice were healed!

For the best compensation is paid for all;
When the heart is in contrition and true,
And every one feels it is possible still,
At once to forgive and forget!

To forget! it is hard for a man with a mind,
However his heart may be true,
To blot out all perils and dangers behind,
And blot out the future to see!

Then how shall it be for a very true
Recollection the spirit will feel,
And the ashes of injury smolder and burn,
Though we strive to forgive and forget!

O, heaven! my tongue shall the riddle unveil,
And my hand shall be partner with heart,
White to myself I bid conscience reveal,
And show how well I have done!

Remember by feeling, by thought, and—by crime,
How vast is that infinite debt!
Yet Mercy hath been by seventy times,
Heaven will forgive and forget!

Blood not on insults or injuries laid,
For thou art innocent too!
Count not their sins till thou art told,
For thou art unkind and untrue!

And if all thine are forgotten, forgiven,
Nor Mercy and Justice is met,
O, who would not gladly take lessons of heaven,
Nor learn to forgive and forget!

Yes, yes, let a man, when his conscience weeps,
Be quick to receive him a friend,
For thou art in the kindness he heaps
On him who has been so kind!

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The Belle and the Student.

BY MARTIN F. TUPPER.

At a certain splendid evening party
A young lady of noble lineage,
I understand your eccentric friend L—
Is here. I have a great curiosity to see him.

Do bring him here and introduce him to me.
In the room, repeating the answer he had re-
ceived, the student, "I will now, for I
tell you the truth, with all my talents, he is
sometimes so odd that there is no pleasure in
being near him."

"Well, trot her out, John," drawled L—
with an affected air.

John returned to his cousin and advised
to defer her introduction to a more favora-
ble time, repeating the answer he had re-
ceived. The beauty bit her lip, but she re-
mained silent. "Well, never fear! I shall insist
on being introduced."

After some delay, L— was led up and
the ceremony of introduction duly performed.
Agreeable to the student, the beauty and com-
manding appearance of Catherine, who
made a profound bow; but instead of return-
ing it, she stepped backward, and raising her
eyeglass, surveyed him deliberately from
head to foot, then, waving the back of her
hand toward him, drawled out, "Trot him
off, John! trot him off! that is enough!"

Traveller.

Moralist and Miscellaneous.

Think of the Slave.

BY JOHN BOWLING.

Sons of the hills! who feed the fresh, free breeze,
Sing the free birds among the waving trees,
Hear the glad sounds of heaven's free melodies—
Think of the slave!

Sons of the vales! who flow the unfettered rill,
Singing the sweet song of rejoicing still—
Wanderers of the forest in the own sweet will—
Think of the slave!

Sons of the ocean! when the raging sea
Dashes the rocks, majestic-free—
While the storm's thunder shouts of liberty—
Think of the slave!

Sons of the desert! where the fierce sirocco
Mingles with clouds the earth—the sky with gloom,
But flies when gentle influences come—
Think of the slave!

Sons of the city! where the eternal tide
Of agitation rolls on every side,
Urging its restless surges far and wide—
Think of the slave!

Sons of the deity! whose word hath said,
I am of one blood with all nations made,
I am your common Father and your head—
Think of the slave!

Sons of the earth! who dwell in the same air,
And breathe the same life-giving breath—
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Sons of the sun! who dwell in the same air,
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The Adventures of a Chamois Hunter.

BY MARTIN F. TUPPER.

"Ah! write it all down, and I'll tell you
something about the chasing of the chamois,
that no one has heard before," said a Swiss
chamois-hunter, to Mr. Khol, the traveller;
and in truth he told him a most wonderful
and interesting story, which shows not only
the cunning of that animal, but the wonderful
and great love of its young ones which God
has implanted in its breast. The chamois is
a species of wild goat, which is found in Al-
pine countries, and esteemed valuable for the
sake of its skin, of which is made a very fine
kind of leather. The chamois-hunters often
find great risks in pursuing them; and the re-
lative of the Styrian chamois-hunter were as
follows:—

"The previous year he had found a geis
or female chamois, ready to bring forth. He
had followed her for eight days, to see where
she would deposit her young. Sometimes he
saw off his shoes, and climbed on his bare
feet, like a cat, and once, when he had to
clamber up the steep face of a rock, he cut off
all his buttons from his clothes, that they might
not make a jangle. At last he discovered the
two young ones in a niche at the top of a
high cliff, in a cave, as the hunters call it.
The little ones were sporting round their
mother, who glanced from time to time down
into the valley, to watch for any hostile ap-
proach. To avoid being seen, our hunter
made a great circuit, and so reached a path
that led to the cave. He stepped lightly and
cautiously, entering it to Lucy, with the repeated
injunction, 'To be very careful of it!'

"Let me carry it, do let me," entreated
the child.

"Carry the Paper! no indeed! you can't

carry it," cries the astonished Lucy, holding
it tighter than before.

The Paper! how precious must it be! what
was it, that I could not carry! The Paper
reaches home in safety, and is met with
by my aunt, who cordially receives it; she
has been anxiously waiting for it, and now
eagerly hastens away. The next day, Sab-
bath day, behold it occupies a place upon her
Bible, or at least very near it. How care-
fully she takes it up! how daintily folds over
its pages! how greedily does she explore its
pages! Once I stretched out my fingers
eagerly to touch it, and she said, 'Do not
touch the Paper!' cries my aunt, sternly.
The Paper! why is it so much better than
any other paper. How was my curiosity
stimulated by the stories which she used
to come up and relate to my mother, al-
ways about good people, or the happy
deaths of good people. 'Very interesting!' re-
sponds mother, 'and where did you hear it?'

"From the Paper," answers my aunt, re-
verently.

And then when humble church members
visited her, would entertain them a long
while together with religious news. 'In-
deed!' they echoed, gazing upon her as an
oracle, 'indeed! who did tell you that?'

The Paper! she answers with dignity.
Her friends read what the Paper says, and
are comforted and encouraged by something that
has appeared in the Paper; they seem an-
imated, as if great and good things had been
opened in long and brightening perspective
before them.

The minister enters. Have you seen the
Paper? Did you read what the Paper says
about this and that? a new and delightful
chorus of sympathy is touched, and the two
are as one heart.

"I wish I could see the Paper too," is a
very secret wish springing up in the child,
who all unnoted is eagerly listening. 'The
Paper, it beats my mother goose out and
out—than never tells about how happy good
people die—and about—about—oh all about
what the folks are talking off.'

One afternoon the way is clear; the sitting
room is fairly empty and there is the Paper
on the great table, and how easily gotten at
by a chair. 'But where is aunt?' she has
gone out—'saw her what. What would she
say? asked conscience. 'No matter, I will
see the Paper, I will,' declares a laudable
curiosity. With eager and palpitating
haste is a chair moved towards the secretary;
it is mounted! profane hands have snatched
eagerly at the prize! It is reached and open-
ed, and a row of great letters are staring the
child in the face, reading, 'Boston Record-
er;' this was it 'The Paper' twenty-five
years ago, quickening and comforting the
parts of New England churches by the rich
and sacred reading that it weekly placed
before them.—Boston Recorder.

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